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SUBJ: HONDURAS/ SALVADOR CONFLICT: FORMIN BATRES VIEWS
ON PRESENT STATE OF PLAY

REF: SALVADOR 1872

SUMMARY: FORMIN GIVES HIS VERSION OF WASHINGTON AND
NEW ORLEANS SECRET MEETINGS WITH GOES FORMIN. HE PESSIMISTIC
AT WHAT HE CONSIDERS GOES LACK OF GOOD FAITH.

1. THE FORMIN SUMMONED ME TO HIS OFFICE MONDAY AFTERNOON
IN ORDER TO BRING ME UP TO DATE ON THE STATE OF NEGOTIA-
TIONS WITH SALVADOR. IN GENERAL HE SEEMS QUITE DISCOURAGED
AND FRUSTRATED BY WHAT HE DESCRIBES AS THE GOES FAILURE
TO ACT CONSISTENTLY OR FOLLOW THROUGH IN THEIR DEALINGS
ON THE MATTER.

2. HIS VERSION OF THE GOES FORMAL WRITTEN PRESENTATION
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TO THE OAS COMMITTEE OF SEVEN IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM BORGONOVO'S (REFTEL). HE TOLD ME THAT BORGONOVO HAD SHOWN HIM THE PAPER IN WASHINGTON AT ONE OF THEIR SECRET MEETINGS AND THAT WHEN HE OBJECTED STRENUOUSLY TO ITS TONE AND CONTENT BORGONOVO AGREED NOT TO SUBMIT IT AND TO REVISE IT TO REFLECT GOES ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE OF THE MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE SERIES OF SECRET BILATERAL MEETINGS IN GUATEMALA. HOWEVER WHAT HAPPENED WAS THAT BORGONOVO APPARENTLY LEFT THE DOCUMENT WITH SALVADORAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON RIVERA WHO SUBMITTED IT UNCHANGED TO THE OAS SHORTLY AFTER BORGONOVO'S DEPARTURE FOR SALVADOR.

3. AT WASHINGTON BATRES AND BORGONOVO AGREED TO MEET SECRETLY IN NEW ORLEANS ON MAY 6. AT THIS MEETING ACCORDING TO BATRES MUCH OF THEIR TIME WAS TAKEN UP WITH THE DISCUSSION OF THE NEED TO REVISE THIS SALVADORAN DOCUMENT. IN THE HONDURAN VIEW THE SALVADORAN DOCUMENT WHICH IN EFFECT REPUDIATES ALL OF THE AGREEMENTS REACHED AT ANTIGUA DOES NOT LEAVE ANY BASIS FOR THE PROPOSED BILATERAL COMMISSIONS TO WORK ON. BORGONOVO ALLEGEDLY AGREED TO BATRES' ARGUMENTS AND IT WAS AGREED THAT A FURTHER MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN MIAMI ON MAY 19. BATRES ALSO SAID THAT AT NEW ORLEANS BORGONOVO STATED THAT HE PERSONALLY AGREED WITH THE GOH POSITION ON THE NEED TO APPLY THE BOTOTA TREATY BUT THAT HE COULD NOT YET MAKE ANY SUCH STATEMENT IN PUBLIC AND, IN FACT, WOULD DENY EVER MAKING IT IN PRIVATE IF IT EVER BECAME PUBLIC.

4. ON THE 17 TH BORGONOVO CALLED BATRES TO ADVISE HIM THAT HE HAD ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS WITH SOME OF HIS ADVISERS

ON MAKING ANY CHANGES IN THE TEXT AND THAT SINCE HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY PRESIDENT MOLINA TO BE HIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CAMPORA INAUGURATION THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MEET UNTIL AFTER THE 29 TH. HE ALSO ALLEGED TO BATRES THAT THE GOES HAD NOT YET RECEIVED THE "EXCITATIVA" FROM THE OAS COMMITTEE OF SEVEN.

5. BATRES THEN DESCRIBED FOR ME IN DETAIL THE GOES
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APPARENT ATTEMPTS TO ENCROACH ON DISPUTED TERRITORIES. THESE INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE BUILDING AT EL ZANCUDO IN SABANETAS AREA, AS WELL AS OTHER BUILDING AND ACTIVITIES APPARENTLY ALL IN THE VALLE DEPARTMENT OF HONDURAS. (COMMENT: THESE HAVE BEEN EARLIER MENTIONED TO US BY COL. EL VIR OF GENERAL STAFF, AND AMBASSADOR VIRGILIO GALVEZ OF FONMINISTRY, WHO SEE IN THEM AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH GOES

INFRASTRUCTURE IN VIOLATION OF SAN JOSE DMZ AGREEMENT,
WHICH PROHIBITS EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION WITHIN DISPUTED
AREAS. HONDURANS REGARD THIS ACTIVITY AS PREPARATORY FOR
"CONSULTATION OF POPULATION" OR PLEBISCITE AS ADVOCATED
BY BORGONOVO.)

6. BATRES SAID THAT ALL OF THIS COMBINED TO MAKE HIM FEEL
THAT BORGONOVO AND THE GOES ARE NOT ACTING IN GOOD FAITH
AND THAT HE FEARS THAT SOONER OR LATER HE WILL HAVE TO
MAKE MUCH OF THE ABOVE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO DEFEND HIS OWN
POSITION TO THE HONDURAN PEOPLE.

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